

Fiction versus Nonfiction

Grade 1 – Lesson Plan

Content Objective:

- A. How do readers know if a book is make-believe (fiction) or true (nonfiction)?

Process Objectives:

1. Task definition
 - 1.1 What is the task?
3. Information seeking strategies
 - 3.1. Which sources are best?

Idaho Achievement Standards:

- 680.03.a** Distinguish between fiction and nonfiction, real and imaginary...
- 682.03.a** Listen for specific answers in order to respond with appropriate feedback
- 684.01.a** Gain information from visual sources

Materials: a Nonfiction & brief Easy Fiction book with the same subject, e.g., *Caring for Your Dog* and *Clifford the Big Red Dog*; have the students' checkout source for nonfiction labeled "True" and their source for fiction labeled "Make-believe"; on marker board—

Books are:

make-believe → fiction
true → nonfiction

Note: For the rest of the year, add a "True Books" sign to the Nonfiction section. You may decide to add "Make-believe" to the Easy Fiction section as well.

Lesson introduction:

- Share content objective with students.

Development:

- Show an Easy Fiction book and point to the section. State that Easy Fiction has great make-believe stories.
- Pull a few books from the Easy Fiction books. Display them for student checkout.
 - Be clear about Easy Fiction as the source for make-believe books.
- Repeat with a few Nonfiction books, identifying them as true. Display for checkout.
- Read aloud:
 - Tell students that they will have to decide whether the book is true or make-believe. Ask students to watch for clues to share at the end of the story.
 - Read part/all of the Easy Fiction book. Show illustrations.
 - Ask if it is true or make-believe. Ask why.
 - Read some captions or lines from the Nonfiction book. Show the photos.
 - Ask if it is true or make-believe. Ask why.
- Reinforce:
 - If a student wants true information they should look for true books.
 - Clues to true books are photos. Clues to make-believe books are...

Assessment:

- Students point to where they can find true books and make-believe books to checkout.

Student Checkout